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Serial No. 09/697,179

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2882  
Docket No.: 1344.1046**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Nobuaki MITAMURA et al.

Serial No. 09/697,179

Group Art Unit: 2882

Confirmation No. 4454

Filed: October 27, 2000

Examiner: Krystyna Suchecki

For: AIRGAP TYPE ETALON APPARATUS UTILIZING THE SAME

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 5, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on March 5, 2003. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to April 5, 2004. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

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